

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): WITOLD CIEPLAK  
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For: PERTUSSIS TOXIN GENE: CLONING AND EXPRESSION OF PROTECTIVE ANTIGEN

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Examiner: Chih Min KAN

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As per the above-captioned information, on October 22, 2003, the USPTO Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued an Order Terminating the Interference, i.e., Patent Interference No. 104,172. As of the date of this letter, the applicant has not received an Official Communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In the last Office Action from Examiner Gabriele E. Bugaisky mailed May 2, 1994, she indicated that Claims 11, 13, and 15-16 were allowable and prosecution was closed. However, pursuant to the Office Action dated May 2, 1994, the above-identified application was suspended for six months from that date.

Accordingly, the Office is respectfully requested to advise applicant about the status of this application. The Office is urged to telephone undersigned at the number noted below if any further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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